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A. J. MUSTE, OTHERS JAILED AT MISSILE BASE

On July 1, FOR Secretary Emeritus A. J. Muste was arrested by a United es marshal when he climbed over the gate into Mead Air Force Base, near ha, Nebraska. With him were Ross Anderson and Karl Meyer; all three are icipants in Omaha Action, an ad hoc organization for nonviolent direct action nst missile policy. At last report, the three planned to plead guilty. Although

eding the technical illegality of their they made it clear that they neither nor admit to any moral guilt, but ge the U. S. government with what assert is the real crime there: the se of public land for the immoral ose of preparing to destroy human

The act that resulted in the three 's arrest, and in the arrests of rs following them, was carefully ght out in advance and openly an- ced. In a letter to President Eisen- er dated June 29, Muste requested ission to enter the missile base stated: "We...will attempt to do so, ur request is refused, though this ld presumably be an act of civil bedience."

n hour before the arrest, Muste de- red a sermon to some 100 persons, uding 18 Omaha Action participants 15 members of a local American ion post. When the Legionnaires led him, Muste asked them po- y to uphold the American tradition ree speech and save their ques- s until he had finished. After the on, when he asked for questions, e were none.

lthough the Omaha project does have official FOR endorsement y FOR people explicitly oppose tactic of civil disobedience in context, preferring to keep their ess within the bounds of law), FOR members telegraphed their love prayers for Muste and his col- ues when they were arrested.

The High Cost of H-War Housing

President Eisenhower asked Congress last month for a $2.7 million appropriation to build the first of eight underground regional civil defense shelters. The center, near Denton, Texas, headquarters of CD Region Five, would house 500 persons.

On July 6, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York made public a "survival plan" which, among other things, calls for a state law requiring the construction of thick-walled shelters in existing homes and in future homes and buildings.

This is one part of our colossal military boondoggle in which we are not imitating the enemy. An obscure inside-page item in The New York Times *recently mentioned casually that, since World War II, no air raid drills have been held in Moscow and there are no bomb shelters.*

The cost of the federal shelters breaks down to a neat $5,400 per person. Even if the state can offer the same protection at bargain rates, the cost in regimentation and the whetting of public hysteria and anxiety remain to be calculated.

If we think we can purchase our salvation in such a manner, we had better have another look at our Bible, at ourselves and at the God we worship.

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Theologians Salute Anti-Bacterial Vigil

The FOR-initiated Appeal at Fort Detrick, a vigil against germ warfare, got under way on July 1 at Frederick, Md., with a message of solidarity from twelve faculty members of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary that said, "We salute your courage and resolution...We declare ourselves one with you in calling upon our government to renounce biological and chemical weapons."

During the first five days of the appeal, 150 people from 12 states have stood in silence from dawn to dusk at the entrance to Fort Detrick, where the factory is located that produces deadly bacteria for use in war.

Although originally planned for only June 30-July 5, it was decided to continue the vigil for a month. "This decision," said Appeal Chairman Stewart Meacham, "has become inescapable... We have discovered for ourselves the power in this vigil. We have also been stirred by the opportunity to speak directly on a matter of serious and timely concern."

The Army Chemical Corps has recently launched a public relations campaign, grotesquely called "Operation Blue Skies," to sell Congress and the American people on chemical and biological weapons. Therefore, reports Meacham, "there is timeliness in our action....We have been asked by the Friends Committee on National Legislation to send a spokesman to Washington to talk with Congressmen and key officials."

Vigil members have been trea courteously by townsfolk. One sa "I'm glad you've come; it's good this town"; and there have been ot expressions of approval. The job, s Meacham, however, "has only begu

French Anti-Nuclear Group Holds First Public Meeting

News has been belatedly receiv reporting on the first public meeting the French Federation Against Aton Armament in Paris on May 25. A nu ber of distinguished speakers, includi Albert Chatalet, dean of faculty at t Sorbonne, who served as chairman the meeting, addressed an overfl audience in a hall seating a thousa people.

The federation was formed by abo twenty organizations representing d ferent religious and ideological all giances, with IFOR Traveling Secr tary André Trocmé as acting presider Among the sponsors of the federati are Jean Rostand and the noted Cath lic writer, Francois Mauriac.

Youth Peace Fellowship Formed

A Youth Peace Fellowship w launched last month as a result of di cussions among young people at a hi school Pilgrim Fellowship camp (Co gregational) in North Dakota. The n organization, still in the formati stage, has already chosen a steeri committee of youth under 25 and adopt a statement of purpose and a stateme of personal commitment. FOR Vic Chairman Allan A. Hunter, minister Mt. Hollywood Congregational Churc Los Angeles, has agreed to write brochure, *Nonviolent Approach to A of Life,* for the new youth group, a an adult advisory board is being forme Lois V. Hamer, director of Christi education for the Montana and No Dakota Congregational Conference is serving as temporary adviser. Mi Hamer will assume the post of F Pacific Coast Regional Secretary Sept. 1, and YPF headquarters w temporarily be located at her office Los Angeles after that date.

NEWS from the peace front

Ninety-five copies of *Alternatives,* jointly produced film about conientious objectors, are now in circuion. Of these, 27 have been purased by Methodist agencies, 19 by iends, 14 by the FOR, 16 by Brethren, by Mennonites, 5 by the National rvice Board for Religious Objectors, by the United Church of Christ and e each by five other groups.

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Gov. LeRoy Collins of Florida, oted in the July 1 Peace Information ition of FELLOWSHIP as an ardent e of capital punishment, signed into w a bill imposing the death penalty terror bombing which results in a ality, thus in effect repudiating his mer commendable stand. Gov. Colis signed this bill on May 8, but the ws escaped the attention of FELWSHIP's editors until after the July P. I. E. had gone to press.

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A three-day Institute on Nonviolence d Segregation is scheduled for July -24 at Spellman College, Atlanta, orgia. FOR National Chairman arles R. Lawrence will serve as an, and keynote presentations will given by Martin Luther King Jr. and OR Field Secretary Glenn E. Smiley. her FOR members among the faculty William Stuart Nelson, Richard B. egg, Matthew McCollum, Bayard Rus- and FOR Southern Regional Secrey James M. Lawson. The institute jointly sponsored by the FOR, the ngress of Racial Equality, and the uthern Christian Leadership Conence.

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In Mussoorie, India, on July 4, the lai Lama, exiled spiritual leader of bet, said that he wants Tibetans to ase fighting the Chinese Communists. an interview with a correspondent the Press Trust of India, he said t, as a Buddhist, he does not supt violence and that he had appealed his people to stop fighting before he d to India in March.

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The Population Reference Bureau Inc. has estimated recently that the Soviet Union's male deaths from all causes during World War II were between 15 and 20 million. The estimate is based on 1959 census figures that were published by the Soviet press in May. Earlier estimates ranged from 3 to 7 million. Commenting on the revised statistics, Robert C. Cook, editor of the bureau's *Population Bulletin,* said: "It appears that the USSR would now have 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 more people were it not for the grievously heavy war losses and the lower birth rate during the war years."

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In London, a Danilo Dolci Committee has been founded to support the work of the "Italian Gandhi" who has used nonviolent methods to combat poverty through mutual aid in Sicily. Similar committees have also been set up in other European countries. The Swedish Committee, for example, has "adopted" the village of Roccamena and is maintaining a social worker there. The British Committee hopes to raise $3,000 a year to support an agricultural expert and two social workers on subsistence pay in the Sicilian town of Menfi.

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On July 3, the Rev. James M. Lawson, FOR Southern Regional Secretary, was married to the former Miss Dorothy Dolores Wood in a ceremony held at Green's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Charleston, Tenn.

LIT NOTES

FOR member Wendell Thomas is offering free copies of his 64-page book, *Toward a More Democratic Social Order,* to people who would like to read it. The book, which presents a decentralist, agrarian viewpoint culminating in the concept of "capital for peacemaking," was described in FELLOWSHIP, October 1957, as "a tract in the finest tradition of democratic pamphleteering." A free copy may be obtained by writing to Mr. Thomas at Celo Community, R. 5, Burnsville, N. C.

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A four-page mimeographed report, "Impressions of World Order Study Conference" by John M. Swomley Jr., provides helpful background from a pacifist viewpoint for FOR people planning to take part in the churches' year-long Program of Education and Action for World Peace. It should be read along with the pamphlet, *Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet,* the official report of the Cleveland conference (see review in FELLOWSHIP, July 1, 1959, p. 34). Copies of Dr. Swomley's paper are obtainable free from FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope.

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This Is the Missile, a 17-page pamphlet that concisely describes the various types of ballistic missiles and discusses their implications, has cently been published by Omaha tion, P. O. Box 9057, Chicago 90, Priced at 15¢, *This Is the Missile* important reading for anyone concer about the nuclear arms race.

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"Armageddon Ltd.," by William R ert Miller, has been dramatized both the U. S. and abroad. Reprints of t *Motive* story will be sent to anyone w submits a 4¢-stamped business-s return-addressed envelope to FELLO SHIP, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 22-24. Leaders conference on n violence. Speakers: Richard Greg M. L. King, Charles R. Lawrence, W Stuart Nelson, A. Philip Randolph, D. Reddick. At Spellman College, lanta. Joint sponsors: FOR, Southe Christian Leadership Conf. and COR

August 1-8. "Avon-at-Winni": AF Institute at Lake Winnepesaukee, N. Write: AFSC, Box 247, Cambridge, Mas

August 15-18. FOR Family Camp a *August 18-22.* FOR National Conf ence, at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Writ Glenn Smiley, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y.

August 28 -- Sept. 4. Pacifist Family stitute, "The Politics of Time -- a Eternity," at Camp Union, Greenfie N. H. Resource leader: Andrew Ro Write: AFSC, Box 247, Cambridge Mass.

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